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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

PROVISION FOR MONITORING OF PRESS AND  
PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS OF FOREIGN POWERS

Reference: C.I.G. 1/1

Memorandum by the Secretary

1. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS, has disapproved C.I.G. 1/1 with the following comments:

a. It is agreed that performing the function of monitoring press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers is necessary, and that the present organization performing this function should be liquidated and supplanted by a new organization better adapted to serve the needs of authorized intelligence agencies. However, it is not agreed that the required monitoring system can be performed most efficiently by the War Department.

b. The State Department is the primary user of the monitored material, although the War and Navy Departments also have an interest. A Central Intelligence Group function is the operation of intelligence services when such services are provided the several intelligence agencies. Thus, it appears that operation of this monitoring system is a CIG responsibility. In lieu of CIG, the alternative is that the State Department perform the service. Under no circumstances should the War Department engage in a continuing basis in this predominately nonmilitary intelligence function.

2. The above action and comments are submitted for consideration by the Intelligence Advisory Board at its meeting at 1430 on Thursday, 9 May 1946.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.,

Secretary, N.I.A.

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